(a) whether it is a fact that toll taxes are collected at various places on Delhi-Gurgaon Express Highway;

(b) if so, whether the task of collection has been entrusted to private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of the institutions involved;

(d) whether it is also a fact that many a time changes have been made in toll collection during the last two years;

(e) if so, the details of the authority responsible for making these changes; and

(f) the details of the changes made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir. Toll fee is being collected at three locations *viz.*, toll plaza at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) loop, Delhi-Haryana Border and Khedkidola on Delhi-Gurgaon Express Highway.

(b) and (c) This stretch has been developed and maintained by the Concessionaire, M/s Jaypee-DSC Venture Ltd. on BOT (Toll) basis. Toll Fee is being collected by the Concessionaire as per the concession agreement.

(d) to (f) As per provisions in the concession agreement, Toll Fee is revised every year from 1st April based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI). National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is the authority for making such changes. The changes have been made in April, 2008 and April, 2009 after opening of project facility in January, 2008.

Clearance for NHs proposals

721. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the roads which satisfy the criteria laid down by the Government of India for declaring as National Highways and proposed by the State Government, are languishing for clearance in his Ministry for nearly two years from now;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal sent by the State for declaring them as National Highways; and

(c) the action that has so far been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Ministry has received a large number of proposals from various State Governments for declaration of State roads/routes as new National Highways. The details of the proposal sent by the State Governments for declaring them as National Highways is given in Statement (*See* below). Expansion of NH network is a continuous process and declaration of New NH is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Statement

Updated details of proposals for declaration of new National Highways received from State Governments after 25-2-2004 (As on 31-10-2009)

Sr. No.	Name of the State	No. of proposals received	Total Length in Kms
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	6192.35
2.	Assam	01	250
3.	Bihar	01	—
4.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	02	240
5.	Gujarat	19	3806.00
6.	Haryana	04	63.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11	1793.50
8.	Jharkhand	02	450.55
9.	Karnataka	28	7020
10.	Kerala	01	164
11.	Madhya Pradesh	02	371.96
12.	Maharashtra	17	6968.870
13.	Meghalaya	02	442
14.	Manipur	01	163
15.	Mizoram	01	179
16.	Nagaland	03	725
17.	Orissa	13	1584.87
18.	Puducherry	05	—
19.	Punjab	03	2480
20.	Rajasthan	25	4673
21.	Sikkim	04	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	07	753.20
23.	Tripura	01	310
24.	Uttar Pradesh	08	1291.065
25.	Uttarakhand	03	773
26.	West Bengal	01	102